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ATHANISIA G. KOUMOUTSOS

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Mr. EASTLAND, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 3506]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 3506) for the relief of Athansia G. Koumoutsos, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon with amendments and recommends that the bill, as amended, do pass.

AMENDMENTS

1. In line 5, change the name "Athansia G. Koumoutsos" to read "Athanisia G. Koumoutsos".
2. Beginning in line 8, change the name "Athansia G. Koumoutsos" to read "Athanisia G. Koumoutsos".
3. Amend the title of the bill so as to read:
A bill for the relief of Athanisia G. Koumoutsos.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill, as amended, is to grant to the minor child adopted by citizens of the United States the status of a nonquota immigrant, which is the status normally enjoyed by the alien minor children of U.S. citizens. The bill has been amended to correct the beneficiary's name in accordance with the suggestion of the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a 12-year-old native and citizen of Greece, who was adopted in Greece on October 8, 1959, by U.S. citizens, the adoptive mother being her aunt. The beneficiary is the youngest of six children and presently resides with her blood parents in Greece who consented to her adoption. Information is to the effect that the adoptive parents are financially able to care for her.

A letter, with attached memorandum, dated May 31, 1960, to the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization with reference to the bill reads as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,
Washington, D.C., May 31, 1960.

A-11761360

Hon. JAMES O. EASTLAND,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR: In response to your request for a report relative to the bill (S. 3506) for the relief of Athansia G. Koumoutsos, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary. This memorandum has been prepared from the Immigration and Naturalization Service file relating to the beneficiary by the Boston, Mass., office of this Service, which has custody of that file. According to the records of this Service, the correct name of the beneficiary is Athanisia G. Koumoutsos.

The bill would confer nonquota immigrant status upon the 12-year-old adopted daughter of U.S. citizens. The bill further provides that the natural parents of the beneficiary shall not, by virtue of such parentage, be accorded any right, privilege, or status under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

As a quota immigrant, the beneficiary would be chargeable to the quota for Greece.

Sincerely,

J. M. SWING, *Commissioner.*

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND
NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILE RE ATHANSIA G. KOUMOUTSOS,
BENEFICIARY OF S. 3506

Information concerning the case was obtained from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demopoulos, the adoptive parents of the beneficiary, who are the sponsors of the bill.

The beneficiary, whose full and correct name is Athanisia Georgios Koumoutsos, a native and citizen of Greece, was born in 1948. She was adopted by the sponsors in the court of first instance at Kalamata, Greece, on October 8, 1959, but her adoptive parents did not ask that her family name be changed. She is the youngest of six children of Georgios Koumoutsos and his wife, Maria, nee Pouloupoulou, who agreed to the adoption. Her blood father is the brother of the female sponsor. The beneficiary who has never been in

the United States lives with her blood parents in Greece where she is attending school. She is being supported by her blood parents and her adoptive parents. Her adoptive parents left the sum of \$800 with her blood parents in October 1959 to assist in her support and since that time have sent her food packages and clothing. Other than her adoptive parents she has no near relatives in the United States.

The beneficiary has never applied for nor had her name placed on a consular waiting list for an immigrant visa to come to the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demopoulos are U.S. citizens and live in Dover, N.H. Mr. Demopoulos was born in Greece on March 28, 1886. He came to the United States to live on August 13, 1907, and became a naturalized citizen of this country in Dover, N.H., on September 29, 1923. Mrs. Demopoulos, nee Christina Koumoutsos, was born in Greece on September 18, 1894. She came to live in the United States in August 1912 and became a naturalized citizen of this country in Dover, N.H., on February 15, 1940. They were married in Dover on December 12, 1925, and both have testified that this is their only marriage. There are no children from their union. Mr. Demopoulos served in the U.S. Army from July 25, 1918, to January 28, 1919, and was honorably discharged. He was registered under the Selective Service and Training Act of 1940 with a local board in Dover in 1942 and was never classified.

Mr. Demopoulos is self-employed as a barber in Dover and earns approximately \$60 weekly. Mrs. Demopoulos is unemployed. In addition to Mr. Demopoulos' wages he receives a monthly check of \$97 from social security and Mrs. Demopoulos receives \$40 monthly from the same source. The family assets consist of a bank account of \$20,000, an automobile valued at \$1,200, U.S. saving bonds with face value of \$300, a one-half interest in the 12-room house in which they live valued at \$6,000, a barbershop valued at \$1,500 and household goods and furniture valued at \$3,000. Both interested parties have lived in the United States continuously since their coming to this country with the exception of visits in Greece from March 1939 to October 1939 and from July 25, 1959, until October 25, 1959. Both Mr. and Mrs. Demopoulos have stated that they adopted the beneficiary because she comes from a poor family, they desired to bring her to the United States where opportunities would be greater and they intended for her to inherit their possessions. They also stated that when they adopted the beneficiary in Greece, they did not realize they should have had her family name changed to Demopoulos at the time of the adoption but it is their intention to have her name changed after she arrives in the United States.

Senator Styles Bridges, the author of the bill, has submitted the following information in connection with the case:

AFFIDAVIT

I, Peter T. Lampesis, M.D., of Dover, county of Strafford, and State of New Hampshire, first having been sworn, do depose and say:

1. That I have known Frank and Christina Demopoulos for more than 40 years and know them to be regarded with the highest of respect by people in all walks of life in the city. Frank has operated a barbershop for 40 years or more and many of our people have come to know him and his wife. He is a distinguished member of our Greek church and both Frank and Christina are deeply religious people;

2. Frank and Christina Demopoulos have acquired properties of considerable value over the years and have never had any children. Adoption by them of a niece, presently in Greece, would bring great happiness to them if she could be permitted to come to live with them. Mr. and Mrs. Demopoulos have always had the best of financial references and there is no question in my mind that they will be financially responsible for any and all expense incurred in connection with bringing the girl to the United States and providing her with education as well as the necessities of life;

3. If present in person, I would strongly urge the passage of such measures as would permit Athanisia Koumoutsou to come and live with Frank and Christina Demopoulos.

PETER T. LAMPESIS, M.D.

Dated this 31st day of May 1960.

MAY 31, 1960.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,
Strafford, ss:

Personally appeared Peter T. Lampesis, and took oath that the above statements by him made are true and correct.

[SEAL]

RICHARD F. COOPER, *Notary Public*.

AFFIDAVIT

I, James Demopoulos, M.D., of Dover, county of Strafford, and State of New Hampshire, first having been sworn, depose and say:

1. That I am a nephew of Frank Demopoulos, adopted parent of Athanisia Koumoutsou, presently in Greece, for whom Frank and Christina Demopoulos seek permission for entry to the United States;

2. That I have known Frank and Christina Demopoulos since my childhood, my father, the late Theodore Demopoulos, and his cousin, Frank Demopoulos, having lived near each other for as long as I can remember; Frank and

Christina Demopoulos have never had children of their own;

3. My uncle, Frank Demopoulos, has been a barber and has operated a barbershop in Dover, N.H., for as long as I can remember and has been a very thrifty and respected businessman. Frank and Christina have saved their money and accumulated property through the years. They are highly respected in this community and have never been involved in any matter which brought criticism or litigation upon them;

4. Frank and Christina Demopoulos are financially responsible for the care, education, and welfare of their adopted child, Athanisia Koumoutsou, and the presence of this child in their household would greatly promote their happiness and well being in their advancing years.

JAMES DEMOPOULOS.

Dated this 31st day of May 1960.

MAY 31, 1960.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,
Strafford, ss:

Personally appeared James Demopoulos, and took oath that the above statements by him made are true and correct.

[SEAL]

RICHARD H. BEATTY, *Notary Public.*

AFFIDAVIT

We, Frank Demopoulos and Christina Demopoulos, of Dover, county of Strafford, and State of New Hampshire, first having been sworn, do depose and say:

1. That we are one and the same persons as Fotios or Fotinos George Demopoulos, and Christina Demopoulos, maiden name, Nikol. Koumoutsou, who adopted Athanisia Koumoutsou, by decree of the court of first instance, in Kalamas, Greece, on October 8, 1959;

2. That we are and have been legal residents of Dover, N.H., for more than 40 years, Frank having become a naturalized citizen of the United States at the close of World War I, and Christina having been naturalized for more than 25 years;

3. That Frank has been employed and has operated his own barbershop for more than 40 years and has accumulated property and savings in excess of \$20,000;

4. That we have no children of our own and it is for that reason that we have adopted Athanisia Koumoutsou, daughter of George Koumoutsou, brother of Christina, and it is our desire that the said Athanisia be permitted to come to the United States to make her home with and be brought up

by us, where we can provide for her education, and furnish other benefits for better living.

FRANK DEMOPOULOS.

CHRISTINA DEMOPOULOS.

Dated this 31st day of May 1960.

MAY 31, 1960.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,
Strafford, ss:

Personally appeared Frank and Christina Demopoulos, and took oath that the above statements by them made are true and correct.

[SEAL]

RICHARD F. COOPER, *Notary Public*.

TRANSLATION OF ADOPTION CERTIFICATE #948

The court of first instance in Kalamas, composed of Judge Har. Kapetanakos, presiding judge, Keriakos, Giannouloupoulos, and Michael Papadaki, justice of the peace:

A public hearing was held on September 24, 1959, in the presence of the secretary of the court, George Katsafadou, in order to judge the following request:

The applicants, Fotios or Fotinos George Demopoulos and Christina, wife of Fortios Demopoulos, maiden name, Nikol, Koumoutsou, former resident of Dover, U.S.A., and now of Amifas, Kalamas, were present, being represented by Attorney Nikol. Flessan.

The applicants, in their September 21, 1959, request to the court which is in reference to the above matter, petitioning for the adoption of a minor, Athanisia, daughter of George Koumoutsou and Maria, as adoptive daughter of the couple in accordance with the law.

The discussion of legal adoption proceedings, as mentioned above, No. 73/59 was held by the presiding judge, also the application and documents were seen.

There was presented a copy of the above resolution of this court, the deposition of the constable, Gavriel Katsanponi, against the application for adoption of minor, Athanisia, daughter of George Koumoutsou, in accordance with article 1568, to be discussed under articles 121 and 640 for acceptance under scrutiny. The applicant for adoption and the parents of the adoptive, George Nikol. Koumoutsou and Maria, wife of George Koumoutsou nee Pouloupoulou, consented personally in court to the adoption, also the favorable deposition of the witnesses, Ian. Koromila and Kom. Tsilika, and the certificates from the community Amfias. The court was assured that the male applicant was over 70 years old and the female applicant was 65 years old, being over 18 years older than the adoptive child, who is 12 years old, daughter of the brother of the female applicant, but their financial condition makes the adoption beneficial to her.

The under judgment request was accepted and the clerk proclaims as adopted child of both applicants. Fotios or Fotinos George Demopoulos and Christina, wife of Fotois or Fotinos George Demopoulos, maiden name Nikol. Koumoutsou, residents of Amfias, Kalamas, the minor, Athanisia, daughter of George Koumoutsou, also a resident of Amfias.

It was judged and decided at Kalamas, October 8, 1959, and published the same date.

HAR. KAPETANAKOS, *Chairman.*
G. KATSAFADOU, *Secretary.*

Affirmed to be legal signatures in accordance with the order of issuance, at Kalamas, October 18, 1959.

(Illegible).

Certified to be a true translation of the original certificate of adoption as issued by the court of first instance in Kalamas.

NICOLAOS LUNDARUKIS.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (S. 3506), as amended, should be enacted.

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The following table shows the results of the study of the effect of the various factors on the rate of the reaction between the various components of the system. The results are given in the following table:

TABLE I. Results of the study of the effect of the various factors on the rate of the reaction between the various components of the system.

Factor studied. Rate of reaction (per cent per hour).

1. Temperature. 2. Concentration of the reactants. 3. Nature of the solvent.

4. Nature of the catalyst. 5. Nature of the inhibitor. 6. Nature of the reaction medium.

The results of the study of the effect of the various factors on the rate of the reaction between the various components of the system are given in the following table:

TABLE II.

Results of the study of the effect of the various factors on the rate of the reaction between the various components of the system.

Factor studied. Rate of reaction (per cent per hour).

1. Temperature. 2. Concentration of the reactants. 3. Nature of the solvent.

4. Nature of the catalyst. 5. Nature of the inhibitor. 6. Nature of the reaction medium.

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